



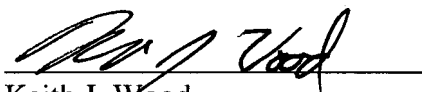
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Groman et al.
Appl. No: 09/521,264
File Date: 03/08/00
Invention: HEAT STABLE COLLOIDAL IRON OXIDES COATED WITH REDUCED
CARBOHYDRATES AND CARBOHYDRATE DERIVATIVES
Art Unit: 1619
Examiner: Wells, L
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE B

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Office Action of November 02, 2001, and ask that the following amendments be entered. Please note that a Declaration of Jerome M. Lewis, Ph.D. ("Lewis Declaration") is submitted herewith in support of this response. Dr. Lewis, a co-inventor herein, is Vice President of Scientific Operations, of Advanced Magnetics, Inc., the assignee herein, and an inventor or co-inventor of a substantial number of patents involving (among other things) polysaccharide superparamagnetic iron oxide complexes and related materials and methods. Dr. Lewis is also familiar with and has supervisory responsibility at Advanced